

MEETING OF THE ALEUTIANS GRS WORKGROUP STEERING COMMITTEE

**March 23, 2004
ADEC Offices
Anchorage, Alaska**

Attendees

Robert Ballesteros, ADEC

Dale Gardner, ADEC

*Dave Godell, Sea Coast Towing

Trena Hallback, Delta Western

Bob Heavilin, Alaska Chadux

Bill Hutmacher, ADEC

Larry Iwamoto, ADEC

Captain Ron Morris, USCG

Doug Mutter, DOI

Bev Niemann, Yutana Barge Line

Tim Robertson, Nuka Research

Michele Sherwood, EPA Contractor

Chris Woodley, USCG

* attended by teleconference

Summary

Larry Iwamoto and Captain Ron Morris opened the meeting. Dale Gardner provided a brief explanation about the background and scope of work for this project. Tim Robertson provided a brief explanation about the typical GRS work group process.

Two co-chairs volunteered – Dale Gardner, ADEC and Chris Woodley, USCG. Bob Heavilin agreed to discuss the need for an industry co-chair at Chadux's next Board of Directors meeting.

The wildlife response exercise on St. Paul Island from August 23-28 was noted as a possible time to do field surveys.

Bob Heavilin mentioned that Chadux was planning an exercise in Dutch Harbor in conjunction with the City of Unalaska this summer.

Doug Mutter and Tim Robertson briefed the group about the Nelson Lagoon GRS project.

The group reviewed and revised the MOA including the following key changes:

- Add the following organizations to the cc list;
 - U.S. Air Force
 - Southwest Alaska Pilots Association
 - Alaska Marine Pilots Association
 - Delta Western
 - O'Briens Group
 - Alaska Steamship Response
 - All other c-plan holders in the region

- Places of Refuge will be limited to places near high vessel traffic areas. A subgroup will be formed to address the POR selection process;
- Add language crediting planholders who exercise a GRS with one of the two optional drills that ADEC might call for that year;
- Crowley will not participate as industry co-chair;
- Attach GRS example to the MOA;
- Change Funding section of the MOA to read “Funding/Significant In-Kind Resources.”

Bob Heavilin stated, that any funds from Chadux would likely have to come through their annual budget process beginning January 2005, but he will broach the subject with member companies at the April Chadux Board Meeting. Bev Niemann stated that all planholders, including non-tank vessels, should contribute to the funding for this project.

The group reviewed the Risk Maps and offered the following suggestions:

- For vessel routes; vary the line width to indicate the amount of fuel/oil cargo in that route;
- Produce enlarged zone maps with risk symbols for the two Aleutians east zones.
- Change all volumes to bbl.;
- Remove formerly used defense hubs;
- Add logistics layer to include: air ports; docks and cranes;
- Add mobile response equipment on tugs and barges;
- Add facility planholders’ response equipment;
- Add private response equipment, Dan Magone;
- Contact Rance Morrison NMFS on Key Nearshore Fishing Grounds;
- Add seasonality to Fishing Grounds map;
- Trumper Loading icon vs. polygon;
- Two vessel lines persistent and non-persistent oil;
- Non-persistent oil to Pribilofs and Unalaska;
- Review EPA and USCG response plans list for bulk storage;
- Add label and tank farm icon for Shemya Island.

The first meeting of the Aleutians GRS Work Group will be held on May 7 at a place in Anchorage to be announced. *{After the meeting Doug Mutter arranged for the May 7th meeting to be held in the Gordon Watson Conference Room on the first floor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Building, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage.}*

Action Items

- a. Tim Robertson will develop an estimate for the incremental cost of developing one GRS.
- b. Bill Hutmacher’s groups will provide a list of all C-plan holders that operate in the region including a contact for each planholder.
- c. Chris Woodley will provide a list of USCG regulated facilities, including contacts.

- d. Tim Robertson will add all planholders to the cc list on the MOA and to the workgroup list.
- e. Tim Robertson will add Alaska Steamship, O'Briens Group, the Southwest Alaska Pilots Association, and the Alaska Marine Pilots Association to the workgroup list.
- f. Bob Heavilin will discuss the need for an industry co-chair and funding with the Chadux Board of Directors at their next meeting (4/22/04).
- g. USCG will arrange for photographic over flights, once sites are selected
- h. Tim Robertson will email risk map to Doug Mutter.
- i. Robert Ballesteros will email Tim Robertson NMFS contact (Rance Morris email and phone number).
- j. Doug Mutter agreed to speak with the USFWS to reaffirm availability and price for their research vessel.
- k. Doug Mutter will arrange for another larger conference room. *{done}*
- l. Tim Robertson will revise the MOA and email to the group.
- m. Tim Robertson will revise the Risk Maps and post on the Work Group web site.